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nentioned the possible desirability of NIS production of unclassified handbooks for use in orientating troops to foreign areas, including phrase books which consist of foreign language phrases to be memorized by troops allowing them to thus ellicit the simplest kind of information from the indigenous population.

2. With regard to any work being done on handbooks. I advised that at present the NIS revision is designed to meet the needs of psy-warriors and not troops in general and is strictly a revision and not the production of separate handbooks. I advised also that the unclassified area handbooks produced by for contractors would probably not be suitable for general troop use although this is not CIA's decision to make. Further, the handbooks produced by would be even less of use to troops in general as they are classified.

advised me that FDD was now beginning production of phrase books for use by DD/P. He and I agree that this might be of use to the services and that duplication of this particular effort might be undesirable. That not yet explored whether or not in the preparation of E and E studies anything along the lines of handbooks for general troop use or a phrase book or combination thereof was being prepared. He agreed to check this with and I said I would check with OIS to see whether or not PP was aware of any Defense need (JSAD) for subject handbooks. With these facts we might inquire of the Cairns-Wetter office as to what additional, if any, planning was being done in Defense to prepare such items.

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4. I called OIS gave them the background and asked them to see what knowledge DD/P had of their own or particularly Defense interest.

and I will contact each other as soon as we and OIS respectively. hear from

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